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For:

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR EFFECTING THE, IN PARTICULAR, CONTINUOUS

SURFACE TREATMENT, ESPECIALLY CLEANING, OF A METAL STRIP

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed August 8, 2006 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

FEE CALCULATION

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

- 1. ___ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
- 2. ___ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
- 3. ___ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
- 4. ____ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.